

Where to Go?

Kabetogama Lake

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center

- Children's Corner
- Exhibits & Freshwater Aquarium
- Gift Shop & Bookstore
- Junior Ranger Program
- Park Slide Show & Films
- Picnic Tables, Fire Rings & Benches
- Hiking Trails
- Docking & Boat Ramp
- Boat Tours & Naturalist Programs
- Orchids in Bloom (June & July) & Pond Life Viewing
- Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping & Boats on Interior Lakes
- Open May – September



Locator Lake Trail

Reaching this trailhead by boat is only the start of the adventure! Portage your own canoe, or reserve a park canoe or rowboat (Boats on Interior Lakes program) on this scenic lake which marks the head of the interior chain of lakes. Enjoy a close-up view of a beaver dam and lodge as you hike this narrow, rocky, and colorful trail.

Echo Bay Trail

Follow the signs to reach this trailhead by car northwest of the visitor center. Hike in summer, or ski the groomed trail in winter. A wide path takes you from aspens to pines as you pass through lowlands and rocky outcrops. Birding is great here with a great blue heron rookery and sightings of warblers, woodpeckers, and even a great gray owl. Bring your binoculars and a sense of wonder to enjoy what you may discover.

Woodenfrog State Campground

Accessible by car northwest of the visitor center, this State-operated area offers 60 primitive campsites and a day use beach and launch area. Ask about the many natural-

ist programs the park offers here each summer. For information about the campground, call 218-753-2245.



Ellsworth Rock Gardens

Board a boat to visit this unique sculpture garden created by Mr. Jack Ellsworth during his summer visits from 1944 through 1965. He designed terraces of 32 varieties of flowers atop a 60-foot granite outcrop. Over 13,000 lilies bloomed at its peak. Today, you will see some of the original flowers Mr. Ellsworth planted as well as the artistic stone sculptures. A picnic shelter with a stone fireplace graces the spot where the Ellsworth summer home once stood.



Photo by Jim St. Clair

Ash River

Ash River Visitor Center

- Historic Log Lodge Setting
- Stone Fireplace
- Gift Shop & Bookstore
- Children's Table & Junior Ranger Program
- Park Orientation Video, Natural & Cultural History Videos
- Picnic Tables & Fire Rings
- Docking & Boat Ramp
- Exhibits & Naturalist Programs
- Rustic Setting with Pine Covered Rock Outcrops
- Scenic Drive and Spectacular view of Kabetogama Lake
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Voyageurs Forest Overlook

On the entrance road to the visitor center there are three pullouts. The first pullout is the Voyageurs Forest Overlook. This pullout has a short loop trail with interpretive signs and picnic and restroom facilities. Watch for wildlife as you learn more about the area's forest history.



Beaver Pond Overlook and Kab-Ash Trail

This is the second pullout along the entrance road. A short uphill hike leads to a rocky terrace high above one of the park's beaver ponds. With a park population of over 2,800, the influence of beavers on the landscape is noticeable. For best viewing opportunities, visit the overlook near sunset. The park offers naturalist programs here during the summer. In winter, watch for wolf tracks leading to beaver lodges and for warm air rising from roof vents. The overlook also serves as one of the trailheads for the new Kab-Ash Trail. **(See page 12 for more details).**

Blind Ash Bay Trail and Kabetogama Lake Overlook

This is the third and closest pullout to the visitor center. A short wheelchair accessible trail through the forest leads to a bench with a view of the lake. The overlook also serves as a starting point for the Blind Ash Bay Trail, a narrow, rocky path leading to a view of Blind Ash Bay. You may also start this popular hike from the overflow parking lot at the visitor center. Bring water, bug repellent, and sturdy shoes. Explore by snowshoe in the winter.



Sullivan Bay Snowshoe Trail

Only available in winter, strap on your snowshoes for a 1.5 mile round trip trek to view Sullivan Bay. Watch for the snowshoe sign along the entrance road.



Ash River Trail Scenic Drive

Don't miss this! In a water-based park, scenic drives are hard to find, but this one rivals any others. Off Highway 53, the Ash River Trail (County Road 129), is a scenic paved, winding road that takes you to the visitor center entrance road. In summer, a spectacular carpet of native wildflowers lines the trail followed by brilliant red maples in the autumn. Miniature frozen waterfalls grace the rock faces in winter. Travel through spruce bogs and red pine forests as you watch for deer, foxes, grouse, gray jays, and wolves, all seen quite often along the trail.

